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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

Docket No. FAA-2013-0802; Airspace Docket No. 13-AWP-7

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Amendment of Restricted Area R-2515; Muroc Lake, CA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action changes the using agency name for Restricted Area R-2515 Muroc Lake, CA, to read "Commander, 412th Test Wing (412 TW) Edwards AFB, CA" due to Department of the Air Force organizational realignments. There are no changes to the boundaries; designated altitudes; time of designation; or activities conducted within the restricted area.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, December 12, 2013.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Rule

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 73 by changing the using agency name for Restricted Area R-2515 Muroc Lake, CA, from "Commander Air

Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, CA” to “Commander, 412th Test Wing (412 TW), Edwards AFB, CA.” As part of the Air Force Materiel Command’s reorganization, responsibility for the day-to-day operation of R-2515 was assigned to the 412 TW at Edwards AFB, CA. This is an administrative change to update the name of the using agency. It does not affect the boundaries, designated altitudes, or activities conducted within the restricted area; therefore, notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary.

The FAA has determined that this action only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The FAA’s authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority.

This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of the airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as amends the description of Restricted Area R-2515, Edwards AFB, CA.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, paragraph 311d. This action is an administrative change to the description of the affected restricted area to update the using agency name. It does not alter the dimensions, altitudes, or times of designation of the airspace; therefore, it is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exists that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Prohibited areas, Restricted areas.

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 73, as follows:

PART 73--SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§73.25 [Amended]

2. Section 73.25 is amended as follows:

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R-21515 Muroc Lake, CA [Amended]

Under Using Agency, remove "Commander, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, CA" and insert "Commander, 412 Test Wing (412 TW), Edwards AFB, CA."

Issued in Washington, DC on October 21, 2013.

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